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Filed: July 1, 2003		: )	
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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants request a refund of \$280.00 for a multiple dependent claim fee, which was erroneously charged to our Deposit Account 06-1205. It is requested that the refund be applied as a credit to that Deposit Account. The reason for the refund is explained below.

On July 1, 2003, Applicants submitted a Utility Patent Application and Preliminary Amendment, along with a check in the amount of \$750.00 for the filing fee (see attached copies of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, Preliminary Amendment, and a postcard acknowledging receipt of the check). No multiple dependent claims fees were due at that time.

Applican's attorneys received a Monthly Statement of Deposit Account, dated October 31, 2003, (copy attached) indicating that Deposit Account No. 06-1205-was 4 13 3: 20 charged \$280.00. It is respectfully submitted that this charge is not warranted.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby request a refund and authorizes the Commissioner to credit Deposit Account No. 06-1205 in the amount of \$280.00 to resolve this matter.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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Claims 6 to 12, which were restricted out of parent Application No. 09/678,024, have been re-presented for an action on the merits..

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,557,310
U.S. Patent 5,589,862
U.S. Patent 5,619,237
U.S. Patent 5,742,310
U.S. Published Application No. 2001/0045977
U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0175977
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Japan 8-224883
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These documents were cited in prior parent Application No. 09/678,024, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

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#### CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

Japan 283410/1999, filed October 4, 1999.

A certified copy of the priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/678,024.

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